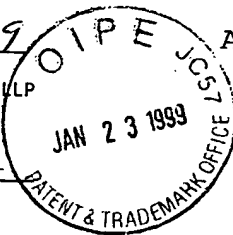


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In re application of:

Barney D. Visser

Application No.: 08/851,040

Filed: May 5, 1997

For: SYSTEM AND METHODS FOR
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PETITION TO EXTEND TIME UNDER
37 CFR §1.136(a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action, dated September 28, 1998 for one months, from December 28, 1998 to January 28, 1998. An appropriate response to the Office Action in the form of a Continued Prosecution Application is enclosed herewith.

Please charge \$55.00, pursuant to 37 CFR §1.17, to the Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to the above Deposit Account. This Petition is submitted in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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